

# Pan-American Chess Congress Tomorrow

By Dr. H. J. Ralston

Douglas John Gay, 1663 Oak-st, wins the prize for first solver to score 250 points in The News' problem-solving competition.

By solving Task No. 52, Gay finished the first year of competition at the top of the list.

The prize consists of a handsome calfskin magnetic pocket chess set, imported from Germany by Douglas M. Homs and Co. of San Francisco.

Gay's name, embossed in gold-leaf, appears on the cover.

The Pan-American Chess Congress starts tomorrow at the Hollywood Athletic Club. It will include two tournaments, one for master-experts, and one for all other players. Many handsome prizes will be awarded.

### Time to Register

Entries close tomorrow at noon, with play scheduled to begin at 7 p. m. You still have time to telegraph the Hollywood Chess Group, 108 North Formosa-av, Los Angeles 36, in case you haven't decided what to do on your vacation.

We are informed that Arthur B. Bisguier, United States champion, will be one of many famous players at the congress.

The Redwood City Chamber of Commerce announces that a short tournament of three rounds will be held next Sunday, from noon to six p. m., at Sequoia High School. Games may be started as late as 2 p. m.

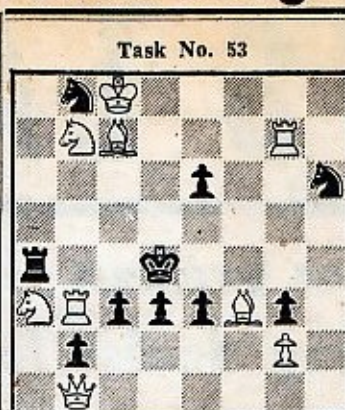
Players will be divided into A, B and C classes, each class having its own prizes and points. Entry fee is \$2.50.

### Tourney Site Picked

The California State Chess Federation announces that the site of the annual California Open Championship, Sept. 4-6, will be the Hotel Carrillo, Santa Barbara.

The U. S. Junior championship, being played in Long Beach, is due to end today.

Three San Francisco youths, Gilbert Ramirez, David Peizer and Ted Eisenstadt, are playing in the tournament. After four



By R. Gevers

White Mates in Two Moves

(Value four points)

Answer to Task No. 52: The main line is 1 R-Kt6, BxRch; 2 K-B8 and mate next move.

rounds, Ramirez (age 14) had a score of 3-1!

Much dissatisfaction has been expressed, throughout the world, over the fact that the last two matches for the world championship, played between two Russians in Moscow, have ended in draws.

### Results Questioned

Some persons have even gone so far as to suggest that the results were not strictly on the up-and-up.

Some substance has been lent to these suspicions by the announcement that the International Chess Federation (FIDE) will probably amend the rules for conduct of the world championship.

Botvinnik has retained his title twice by playing 12-12 matches against Bronstein and Smyslov. Most chess players would like to see the champion win once in a while!

We very much regret to learn that the Dutch publishers of the international "Chess Archives" have announced discontinuance of this publication. The main reason given is lack of adequate financial support.

The main line in the Wurzburg

miniature, published in this column two weeks ago, is: 1 B-R7, P-R7; 2 R-Kt6, K-Kt8; 3 R-Kt1 mate.

Correct solutions were received from:

Peter Belmont, Paul Bercovici, Wilber Leeds, Dr. Horace C. Pitkin, James Reynolds, all of San Francisco; Jack E. Davis, San Rafael; Harry Hokensen, Santa Rosa; C. A. Van Patten, San Carlos; Keith Wentz, Alameda.

Here is a 4-mover, by Dr. A. Decker, which won a first prize many years ago. It is not difficult, but has a pretty finish:

White (seven men): King on King Rook five; Queen on King two; Rook on King Bishop four; Pawns on King Rook three, King Bishop five, Queen Knight three and Queen Rook two.

Black (seven men): King on Queen Bishop six; Rooks on Queen eight and Queen Bishop eight; Pawns on Queen five, Queen Knight four, Queen Knight five, and Queen Rook six. White mates in four moves.

The following game was played in the Northern California championship. It shows Dmitry Poliakov at his attacking best.

Black's 31st move, QxRch, is good enough to win, but he had at his disposal either of two problem-like moves, R/7xKtP or KtxP, which would win quickly.

### QUEEN'S PAWN

White—J. Schmitt

Black—D. Pollakoff

1 P-Q4	Kt-KB3	26 Q-Kt3	Kt-Q4
2 P-QB4	P-K3	27 QxP	R-K1
3 Kt-QB3	P-Q4	28 QxR	R-B3
4 B-Kt5	QKt-Q2	29 Kt-Kt3	RxBP1
5 P-K3	P-B3	30 R-K2	RxR
6 PxP	KPxP	31 R-KB1	QxRch
7 B-Q3	B-K2	32 KxQ	R/7xKtP
8 Kt-B3	Kt-K5	33 KtxP	R-B1ch
9 BxB	QxB	34 K-K1	KtxP
10 BxKt	PxB	35 Kt-Q2	Kt-Kt7
11 Kt-Q2	Kt-B3	36 Q-Q1	R-KB7
12 Q-B2	B-B4	37 Q-K7	R/Kt7x
13 Q-O	B-Kt3		Ktch
14 Kt-K2	O-O	38 K-B1	R-B7ch
15 KR-B1	Kt-Q4	39 K-Kt1	R/QB-K7
16 P-QB3	P-KB4	40 QxKtPch	K-B2
17 P-KKt3	B-R4	41 Q-R5ch	K-B3
18 Kt-QB4	P-KKt4	42 Q-R6ch	K-K2
19 R-K1	R-B3	43 Q-Kt5ch	K-Q3
20 Kt-K5	R-R3	44 Q-Q8ch	K-K2
21 P-KKt4	BxP	45 Q-Kt8ch	K-Q3
22 KtxB	PxKt	46 QxKtPch	K-B2
23 Kt-Kt3	R-K3	47 Q-Kt3ch	Kt-B3
24 Q-Q1	Kt-B3	48 Q-Kt1	R-Kt7ch
25 Kt-B5	Q-B1	49 Resigns	